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SUBJECT: DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER VACANCY IN OECD SECRETARIAT

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1. POSITION OF LEGAL ADVISER TO INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE FILLED BY SCOTT, US NATIONAL WHO IS PRESENTLY DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER TO OECD.

2. MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR SCOTT TO BE REPLACED AS OECD DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER (A-5 LEVEL) WITH ANOTHER HIGHLY QUALIFIED US LAWYER WHEN VACANCY OCCURS. OTHER MEMBERS OF OECD LEGAL STAFF-- ADVISER (THOUROT) AND TWO JUNIOR LAWYERS--ARE ALL FRENCH. NEED FOR BALANCE OF LAWYER WITH EXPERTISE IN ANGLO-SAXON LEGAL TRADITIONS SEEMS EVIDENT. WE UNDERSTAND NO WELL-QUALIFIED BRITISH CANDIDATE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER IS IN KEY POSITION TO INFLUENCE WIDE VARIETY OF MOST IMPORTANT OECD ACTIVITIES AND FREQUENTLY WORKS DIRECTLY WITH SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS DEPUTIES. SCOTT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY USEFUL TO US DELEGATION, AS, FOR INSTANCE, SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND GOOD JUDGMENTS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF IEA. WE BELIEVE POSITION WOULD BE HIGHLY INTERESTING TO US LAWYER WITH BACKGROUND IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL RELATIONS. NEED FOR US CANDIDATE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH HOPKINS AND TRIMBLE, AMONG OTHERS IN DEPARTMENT.

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4. NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY CAN BE EXPECTED UNTIL SCOTT OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED FOR IEA POSITION. THOUROT HAS NOT REQUESTED MISSION'S ASSISTANCE AND IT IS QUITE LIKELY HE WILL NOT CONSULT MISSION BEFORE SELECTING HIS CANDIDATE. MISSION CAN, HOWEVER, REQUEST THOUROT AND HIS SUPERIORS TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO QUALIFIED US CANDIDATE AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DO SO.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: NOMINATION ASAP OF QUALIFIED US CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF OECD DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER. TURNER

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